

REMARKS

Claim 15 has been amended to place the claim in proper US format. Support for the amendment can be found in the Specification on page 8, lines 25-28 and Examples 12-17, and in claim 1.

Claim 16 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 1.

New claim 17 has been added. Support for the claim can be found in original claim 15.

No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

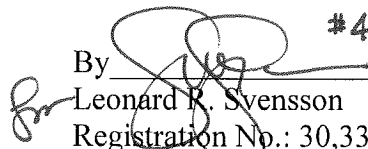
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. No. 30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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